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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

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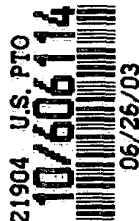
This is a Request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional  
☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of  
pending prior Application No. 09/367,105 filed on November 10,  
1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by  
reference,  
by

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for

PROBIOTIC STRAINS FROM LATOBACILLUS SALIVARIUS AND ANTIMICROBIAL  
AGENTS OBTAINED THEREFROM

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,  
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if  
applicable).
2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:



			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$750.00	\$375.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE      FEE	RATE      FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	10-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4-3 =	1	x 84 = \$0.00	x 42 = \$42.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$280.00	+ \$140.00
		TOTAL	\$0.00	\$557.00

3. ☒ No filing Fee is enclosed.
4. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a. ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/367,105, filed on November 10, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--
- b. ☐ --This application is a continuation of co-pending Application No. 09/367,105, filed on November 10, 1999, and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/367,105 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/IE98/00010 filed on February 11, 1998 under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of International Application No. PCT/IE97/00007 filed on February 11, 1997, under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--
5. ☒ Enclosed is/are ten (10) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.

- 4 6a. ☒ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/367,105 on November 10, 1999. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b. ☒ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Enterprise Ireland and Univeristy College Cork - National University of Ireland, Cork.
8. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. ☐ Priority of Application No(s). \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9b. ☒ Priority of International Appln. PCT/IE98/00010 filed on February 11, 1998 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and International Application No. Application No. PCT/IE97/00007 on February 11, 1997 under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
10. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
11. ☒ Address all future communications to:  
  
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12. ☐ An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/367,105 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

13. ☒ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

- Sequence Listing
- Receipts from Deposit of Microorganism Under the Budapest Treaty (2)

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s)

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